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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (28 September-05 October 2012)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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28/09/2012: Look for Phil, VE1WT, to be active as VE1WFF on 28 September 2012 from the Wallace Bay National Wildlife Area (WFF VEFF-107), Nova Scotia, starting approx. 11.00 UTC. Plans are to be QRV on 40-15 metres, using hamstick antennas. QSL via home call. [VE1WT]

28/09/2012: Paul, VE1DX, is currently active as ZF2TK from Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA 1042, WW Loc. EK99IG) until 12 August 2013. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL via VE1DX, direct only. [DXAT]

29/09/2012: Operators Jiri OK1IEC, Rudolf OK1HWS, Jan OK1JK and Vlasta OK1UXH plan to be active as 9A8OK from Palagruza Island (EU-090, ACIA IC-901, CIA-33, IOCA CI-084, MIA MC-284) and lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-012, CLH-100, TWLHD WLH 9A-046, WLOTA 0057, WW Loc. JN82DJ) between 29 September and 6 October, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct or bureau to OK1HWS. Website: jan.kepic.cz/view.php?cisloclanku=2012020002 [rsgbiota]

29/09/2012: An invited international group of 18 operators together with 11 resident amateurs will be active from the nine populated islands of the Azores during an "activity weekend" from 12 UTC 29 September to 12 UTC on the 30th (but the stations will be active starting on 28 September, as soon as they become operational). Look for CU1ARM (Ilha de Santa Maria, EU-003, DIP AZ-001, WLOTA 2978), CU2ARA (Ilha de Sao Miguel, EU-003, DIP AZ-002, PIP AC-002, WLOTA 2016), CU3URA (Ilha Terceira, EU-175, DIP AZ-003, PIP AC-003, WLOTA 0524), CU4ARG (Ilha Graciosa, EU-175, DIP AZ-004, PIP AC-004, WLOTA 0113), CU5AM (Ilha de Sao Jorge, EU-175, DIP AZ-005, PIP AC-005, WLOTA 1004), CU6GRP (Ilha do Pico, EU-175, DIP AZ-006, WLOTA 1321), CU7CRA (Ilha do Faial, EU-175, DIP AZ-007, WLOTA 1830), CU8ARF (Ilha das Flores, EU-089, DIP AZ-008, PIP AC-008, WLOTA 0947) and CU9AC (Ilha do Corvo, EU-089, DIP AZ-009, WLOTA 0707) on CW (7000-7015, 18080-18090, 14050-14065 kHz) and SSB (7175-7195, 18120-18135, 14250-14275 kHz). Those making a QSO with at least 5 different islands will have a corresponding number of tickets placed into a lottery for a free trip to the Azores. Additionally, the first 25 operators making QSOs with all 9 islands will be eligible for a second lottery. The lottery will be drawn on 15 October (further information on www.dxsummit.fi). During or immediately after the weekend, the logs will be posted to Club Log. All QSOs will be confirmed through the bureau with special full-color cards. Direct QSL requests should go to CU2CE. [VE3DZ]

29/09/2012: Look for Dave, N2NL, to be active in several contests from Yigo, island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064, CQ zone 27) using the callsign NH2T. He will be active in the CQWW RTTY Contest, the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) and the CQWW CW Contest (24-25 November). Dave plans a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in all three contests. QSL NH2T via LoTW or direct only to W2YC. [NG3K]

29/09/2012: Mike, DG5LAC, will activate Langeland Island (EU-172, DIA FY-019, WLOTA 0590) as OZ/DG5LAC between 29 September until 5 October 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB. QSL via his home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota]

29/09/2012: Look for SP9YFF/p to be active on 29 September 2012 from the Nature & Landscape Group Wzgorze Kamionka (WFF SPFF-528) from 06.00-10.00 UTC. They will also activate the Protected Landscape Area Potok Ornontowicki z doplywami (WFF SPFF-529) between 12.00-16.00 UTC. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via SQ9IDG. Further info can be found at: www.sp9yff.pl/ [SP9UPK]

29/09/2012: The TC Special Wireless Activity Team and the Giresun Radio Amateurs and Nature Sports Club will be active as TC2ZLH from Zonguldak Lighthouse (built in 1908, WW Loc. KN51VL), Zonguldak Province, on 29th and 30th September 2012. QSL via TA1HZ, direct or bureau. Information on the Western Black Sea Lighthouses On The Air award can be found at: www.tcswat.org/awards/WEBLOTA/index.html [425 DX News]

30/09/2012: SP9YFF/p will be active on 30 September 2012 from the Reserve Kepie na Wyzynie Miechowskiej (WFF SPFF-194), starting in the afternoon. QRV on the HF bands, propagation permitting. QSL via SQ9IDG. Further info can be found at: www.sp9yff.pl/ [SP9UPK]

01/10/2012: Nobby, G0VJG, will be active from Monaco for 5 days between 1-5 October 2012 using the callsign 3A/G0VJG. This is a radio only trip, no xyl, so lots of radio time to work everyone. Nobby will be SSB only, running 100 Watts (max power allowed in Monaco) on rhe HF bands. QSL via G4DFI. [NG3K]

01/10/2012: The TL0A team is at it again, now to NIGER ! 5U5U (Christian TL0A), 5U6E (Paul F6EXV) and 5U8NK (Jan DJ8NK) from 1-15 October 2012. Following rumours published earlier, the 5U team are now in a position to confirm all details of their upcoming operation from Niamey, Niger. 3 operators, 3 calls, 3 stations. QRV 160m to 6m Phone, CW and the Digital modes. QSL 5U5U via TL0A, direct only. QSL 5U6E and 5U8NK via their home calls, OQRS direct or bureau. Online logs will be available on Club Log. Further information and updates on their website at: www.premiumorange.com/5u-2012 [DX World]

01/10/2012: Look for Dale BA4TB/4, Mi BD4TQ/4, Tim BD4TJ/4, Ni BD4TR/4 and Zhou BG4TVT/4 to be active from Heng Sha Island (AS-136), Shanghai province, between 1-4 October 2012. QRV on 40-10m, all modes. QSL via home calls. [DX World]

01/10/2012: Mike, G4IUF, will once again be active as PJ6/G4IUF from Isle House, Windwardside, Saba Island (NA-145, WFF PAFF-027, WLOTA 2043) between 1 October until 1 November 2012. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style, using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or email for bureau request (see QRZ.com). [DXAT]

01/10/2012: Look for Bodo, DF8DX, to be active from the island of Crete (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-004, WLOTA 1400) as SV9/DF8DX from 1-7 October 2012. QRV on the HF bands, mostly CW, running 100 watts to a vertical antenna. Bodo also plans a side trip to the island of Dia (EU-187, GIOTA KRS-015, MIA MGC-006, WLOTA 1734) between the 3rd and 4th of October. He will not stay over night on Dia Island, only day operation as long as the battery lasts. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [rsgbiota]

02/10/2012: Arne, OH2NNE, will be active as 5H2DK from Moshi, Tanzania, between 20-17 October 2012. He may also be sporadically QRV vith a portable setup from different locations from 18-27 October. QRV on SSB only. The setup includes an ICOM 706 mkIIG boosted with an SG-500 to emit full 100W permitted, A3S tribander (10/15/20) and dipoles for 12/17/40/80m bands. The portable setup will include the ICOM 706, an AH-4 mobile antenna tuner, a wire antenna taped to a 6m fishing stick. Tx frequency plan: 3.790, 7.090, 14.250, 18.150, 21.250, 24.950, 28.450. The Rx will be same as Tx, 5up, 5-10up or 7.145 on 40m band. QSL via home call. Website: www.qrz.com/db/5H2DK [DX World]

02/10/2012: Didier, F6BCW, will be active holiday style between 2 October and 8 November 2012 from the following French Polynesian Islands: 2-6 October from Tahiti (OC-046, DIFO FO-002, WLOTA 0885), no traffic or a very little one. 6-15 October from Huahine (OC-067, DIFO FO-004, WLOTA 1371) on 7 to 28 MHz. 15-19 October from Raiatea (OC-067, DIFO FO-012, WLOTA 1977) on 10, 14 and 18 MHz. 19-22 October from Tahaa (OC-067, DIFO FO-013, WLOTA 3909) on 7, 10, 14, and 18 MHz. 22-26 October from Maupiti (OC-067, DIFO FO-008) on 10, 14 and 18 MHz. 27 October to 8 November from Huahine (OC-067, DIFO FO-004, WLOTA 1371) on 7 to 28 MHz. CW Only, by hand as did our fathers in telegraphy, with 100 watts and dipoles in the coconut trees. Didier has applied for a special callsign but if he can't be granted a special one he will sign FO/F6BCW. QSL via home call when he returns home, bureau or direct. [F5NQL]

03/10/2012: Members of the Italian Dxpedition Team will be active as TT8TT from N'Djamena (Grid Loc. JK72), Chad, from 3-16 October 2012. Activity will be on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. Operators include Alfeo I1HJT, Silvano I2YSB, Vinicio IK2CIO, Angelo IK2CKR, Marcello IK2DIA and Stefano IK2HKT. The pilot station is Art/IK7JWY. QSL direct via Silvano, I2YSB. QSL by the bureau to Vini, IK2CIO. A TT8TT survey (for needs), a log search and an OQRS are all available on their Website at: www.i2ysb.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

04/10/2012: Kazuo, JH8PHT, will be active as AH0KT from the Saipan Rental Shack, island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333, WW Loc. QK25UF), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), from 4-9 October 2012. He plans to be QRV on 80-6 metres. Kazuo will also try 10 metre FM and AM too. QSL direct to his home call. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

04/10/2012: After our very sucsessfull trip in 2009 and 2010 Harry, PA1H and Nico, PA7PA will be QRV again as OZ/homecalls from Lang? Island (EU-172, DIA FY-025 from 4th until 12th October 2012. Lang? island belongs to Langeland Island but it's off Langeland. Actually it's a very small island with only one house. This time they will activate the 30 metre band and use more digi-modes from 80-10 metres. When possible they will try 160 metres too. Special attention this time for stations outside Europe. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

04/10/2012: Sam, F6AML, will be active from Mayotte Island (AF-027, DIFO FH-001, WLOTA 0376, WW Loc. LH27OE) from 4-19 October 2012 as TO2M. QRV on CW + SSB, 80 to 10m. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DX World]

05/10/2012: A team consisting of Badar HZ1BF, Abdul 7Z1CQ, Suli 7Z1SJ, Mohamad HZ1MD, Abdullah HZ1BW, Hani HZ1HN, Abdullah HZ1AR, Abdul HZ1DG, Firas HZ1FS and Nhaw HZ1TL will activate Al-Dhahrah Island (IOTA AS-190 - NEW ONE!), Tabuk Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, using the callsign 7Z7AB. The DXpedition will take place from 5-11 October 2012. Plans are to be QRV on 160-10 metre SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL via 7Z1CQ. Further information can be found on their website at: www.dxtool.com/7z7ab/ [DX-World]

05/10/2012: Martello Tower Group members Keith G6NHU, Tony G0MBA, Yan M0YNK, Colin M1EAK, Chris M6GSD and Richard G7HJK have planned a DXpedition to Herm Island (EU-114) which will take place from 5-7 October, 2012. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via the bureau to GP0PKT, or direct to G6NHU. Website: www.qrz.com/db/GP0PKT [rsgbiota]

05/10/2012: Kiichi, JF1LUT, will be active from Arakabesan Island, Koror, Republic of Palau (OC-009, WW Loc. PJ77FI) from 5-10 October 2012 as T88IK. Plans are to be QRV on 17-6 metre SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/T88IK [DXAT]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

06/10/2012: Look for special event callsign 8J6BAL to be aired on all bands and modes between 6 October until 5 November for the 2012 Saga International Balloon Fiesta. This is an Asian maximum grade Hot Air Balloon International Festival at Kase Riversite, Saga city (JCC 4101, JCG 41004), Kyushu region, Saga prefecture, island of Kyushu (AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. Full information about the festival can be found at: www.sibf.jp/e/ [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

06/10/2012: The Delmarva Island Hoppers will be active on 6 October 2012 as N3NAH from Middle Island (USi DE016, Not IOTA, WW Loc. FM28KO), Sussex county, Delaware. They will also activate Massey Island (USi DE014, Not IOTA, WW Loc. FM28KP), Sussex county, Delaware, using the callsign W3TL. Plans are to be QRV on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies using both Phone and CW. This operation will be in memory of K3HVC (SK). QSL via the information on QRZ.com under N3NAH and W3TL. [USi]

07/10/2012: Eddy, ON4AFU, will activate Koh Samui (AS-101, WLOTA 1384), Surat Thani Province, Thailand, as HS0ZJF/8 from 7-24 October 2012. He will be QRV on 40-10 meter CW only. QSL via ON4AFU UBA bureau or direct (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota]

15/10/2012: From 15-18 October 2012 Jacek, SP5APW, is going to operate as W4/SP5APW from Clearwater Beach Island (NA-034, USi FL157S), Pinellas county, Florida. Holiday style suitcase activation using K3 (probably battery powered) a nd Buddipole antenna. Mainly on 20/15/10m bands SSB, only for a few hours a day. He will try to activate Amelia Island (NA-138, USi FL032S, WLOTA 3048), Nassau county, Florida, sometime between 12-14 October, just one or two days operation. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DX World]

18/10/2012: Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be on another DX vacation to the island of Guadalcanal [Honiara] (WLOTA 0086, WW Loc. RI00AJ), Solomon Islands (OC-047) between 17 October and 10 December 2012. QRV 80-6 metre SSB only, using the callsign H44MS. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DX-World]

18/10/2012: Kit JA1NVF, Kowata JF7ELG, Miho JJ2VLY and Yutaka JQ2GYU will be active from Tinian Island (USi NI003S, WLOTA 3108, Grid Loc. QK25), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086), from 18-22 October 2012 as NH0J. QRV on CW/SSB, 80m to 6m with some RTTY/PSK as well. They may also use their own US call signs such as AH0J (QSL via JA1NVF), WA2O/KH0 (QSL via JF7ELG), WS2M/KH0 (QSL via JJ2VLY), and WS2Y/KH0 (QSL via JQ2GYU). QSL NH0J via JJ2VLY, direct or bureau. QSL others via their home callsigns. [DX World]

18/10/2012: A team consisting of Francisco EA7FTR (XX9TFR), Eugene EA5HPX (XX9TPX), Jose EB5BBM (XX9TBM) and David EB7DX (XX9TEX) will operate from Macau from 18-29 October in all bands, from Pousada de Coloane Hotel, Coloane Island (AS-075, WW Loc. OL62SC). They will put more emphasis in working North America and Europe. QSLs for all callsigns via EA7FTR, direct. Further information and updates at: adxg.org/macau/index.php [DX World]

20/10/2012: Look for special event callsign 8J2ARDF to be radio active on all HF bands and modes between 20 October and 25 November for the 2012 All Japan ARDF Athletic Meet. QSL goes via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

23/10/2012: The VP5T guys will be back in the Turks and Caicos Islands, from the VP5JM 'Hamlet' on the island of Providenciales (NA-002, WW Loc. FL31VS) from 23-30 October 2012. Their main focus is the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) as a Multi-Multi entry from CQ zone 8. Ops this year will be Frank WA2VYA, Tony K4QE, and Jack N2VW. Before and after contest they will be QRV on CW and the WARC bands. Logs will be upload to LoTW shortly after the trip. Hard copy QSLs

per QRZ.com. [NG3K]

26/10/2012: Look for Eddy, ON4AFU, to be active as HS0ZJF/9 between 26 October and 4 November 2012 from the Butang Archipelago [Koh Lipe] (AS-126), located in the Tarutao National Marine Park (WFF HSFF-094), southern Thailand. He plans to be QRV on 40-10 meter CW only. QSL via ON4AFU UBA bureau or direct (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota]

26/10/2012: Carl, KI5SF, plans to be active holiday style as KH6/KI5SF from the Big Island of Hawaii (OC-019, USi HI025S, WLOTA 0065), Hawaii county, Hawaii, from 00.00 UTC 26 October to 06.00 UTC 27 October. QRV mainly SSB, with some CW, on 80-10 metres. QSL via home call, direct only. [KI5SF]

26/10/2012: Andrea, IK7YTT, will be active as XX9TTT from Coloane Island (AS-075), Guangdong province, Macau, between 26-29 October 2012. He will participate to the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry from CQ zone 24. Before and after the contest, Andrea will be QRV on other bands. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. Further info and news on his official website: www.mdxc.org/xx9ttt/ [DX World]

27/10/2012: Radio Syd Contest Group team members Lada OK1DIX, Jiri OK1DO, Petr OK1FFU, Karel OK1JKT, Vlada OK1NY, Jiri OK1RI, Vasek OK1VVT, Joe OM5AW and Norbert OM6NM to be active as a Multi-Multi entry in the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) using the callsign C5A from Banjul (WW Loc. IK13UJ), The Gambia, CQ zone 35. QSL via OM2FY, direct or bureau. Website: www.om0c.com/ [NG3K]

27/10/2012: Operators Con DF4SA, Jorge EA7HZ, Julio EA7JB, Quillo EA7LS, Cris EA7RU, Paco EA7ZC, Jorge EA9LZ and Zoli HA1AG will activate ED9Z for the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) from Ceuta, CQ zone 33. All antennas will be spiderbeams, including a 40mtr 3ele full size. QSL direct only to EA9LZ (QRZ.com). [NG3K]

27/10/2012: Jeff, N5TJ, plans a Single-Op/High-Power entry in the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) as NP4Z from San Juan, Puerto Rico (NA-099, USi PR006S, WLOTA 2802), CQ Zone 8. QSL direct to N4AO (QRZ.comm). [DXAT]

27/10/2012: Look for Siggi, TF3CW, to be active as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry in the CQWW SSB Contest (27-28 October) from Seltjarnarnes, Iceland (EU-021, WLOTA 2975), CQ zone 40. QSL direct only to LX1NO (QRZ.com). [DXAT]

01/11/2012: Special callsign 8J1Y will be active on all bands and modes between 1 November 2012 until 10 November 2013 for the National Cultural Festival 2012 in Yamanashi-city (JCC 1705), Chubu region, Yamanashi prefecture, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/11/2012: Max, ON5UR, reports that after more than six months of work and hunderds of international phone calls, he and Marc ON8AK finally found a base location for a DX trip to Monaco. From 9-17 November 2012 look for 3A/ON5UR and 3A/ON8AK running SSB only. So far they have permission for one base station, but hope to find a solution to get two stations on the air. They will operate from 80-10 metres. QSL via M0URX (OQRS). Webpage to follow. [DX World]

24/11/2012: The Radio Syd Contest Group will be active as a Multi-Multi entry in the CQWW CW Contest (24-25 November) using the callsign C5A from Banjul, The Gambia, CQ zone 35. Operators participating in this contest will be Jiri OK1DO, Zdenek OK1DSZ, Petr OK1FFU, Martin OK1HGM, Karel OK1JKT, Vlada OK1NY, Jiri OK1RI, Vita OK5MM, Joe OM5AW and Norbert OM6NM. This will be the groups third time in line from The Gambia in CQWW CW M/M. QSL goes via OM2FY, direct preferred or bureau. [NG3K]

07/12/2012: Rick "The Locust", K6VVA, plans activity from Berry Islands (NA-054, WLOTA 1903) as C6AVA between 7-11 December 2012. QRV primarily CW on 40/30/20/17m (some SSB). Rick may or may not operate in the 10m Contest depending on propagation at the time. TXRX: 200w TS-480HX (Plus TS-480HX #2 as "Backup") ANT: Verticals. QSL only via N6AWD (Fred K Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93309 USA). If you QSL via the Bureau you MUST put "VIA N6AWD" on the card !!! Further information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na054/ [DX World]

27/04/2013: Alfredo, IK7JWY, is organising a second Dxpedition to Djerba Island (AF-083, WLOTA 1394), Tunisia from 27 April to 4 May 2013. It's hoped the group callsign will be TS8IT with activity planned for all bands / modes. The team so far consists of IK7JWX Alfredo (team leader), IK2DUW Antonello (QSL manager), IW2NLC Rosy (YL), IS0AGY Ampelio, IK2PGM Roberto, I8LWL Leopoldo, IK8GQY Titti (YL), IK6CAC Carlo (CW), IV3FSG Elvira, Dario IT9SSI + YL. If interested to join, contact Alfredo ik7jwx2003[at]yahoo.it [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

29/09/2012: Look for special event station CG3X to be active on all bands and modes betwween 29 September and 28 October 2012 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Alouette, Canada's First Satellite. QSL via VE3JPP, direct or bureau. [RAC]

01/10/2012: I.S.W.L. CLUB CALLSIGNS -
The ISWL Club Callsigns in use throughout the month of October 2012 are:
GX4BJC /A - Operated from Walton on the Naze, in Essex, by Herbie - G6XOU. (/A WAB Square = TM22 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA 1841). Herbie will also operate as GX4BJC /P at times.
MX1SWL /A - Operated from Hartford, in Cambridgeshire, by Tom - G3RPV. (/A WAB Square = TL27 - England, IOTA = EU-005 & WLOTA 1841).
ALL QSL's will be handled by Herbie G6XOU and NOT the individual Operator.
The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club.
All QSL Info is on www.iswl.org.uk/ or www.qrz.com/ or via www.eQSL.cc/ NO LOTW.
I.S.W.L. Awards are available to all Hams and SWL's - see www.iswl.org.uk/ for full details. eQSL.cc cards ARE welcomed for our awards.
Very best wishes to all, Pete Rayer, ISWL Life Vice President, Bournemouth, UK. [Pete at the DX-Newsdesk]

01/10/2012: Look for special event station 8J1ARK to be active on all bands/modes between 1 October and 4 November 2012 for the 35th Japan Three-Day March (Aruku: Walk). QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/10/2012: Special event station 8J1KS will be active on all bands and modes between 1 October until 31 December 2012 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Kisarazu-city (JCC 1206), Kanto region, Chiba prefecture, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/10/2012: The 80th Anniversary of Setagaya-city will be celebrated between 1 October and 31 December 2012 with the special callsign 8J1STGY. Setagaya is located in Kanto region, Tokyo prefecture, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/10/2012: The 50th Anniversary of Kodaira-city (JCC 1012) will be celebrated with the special callsign 8N1YKR (Managed by Kodaira-city Amateur Radio Club, JE1YKR) on all HF bands and modes between 1 October until 30 November 2012. Kodaira is a city located in the western region of Tokyo, Kanto region, Tokyo prefecture island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/10/2012: Special callsign 8N2100MD will be aired between 1 October and 30 November to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Aikodai Meiden High School. (cf. New York Yankees Ichiro Suzuki's alma mater). The school is located in Nagoya-city (JCC 2001), Chubu region, Aichi prefecture, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

04/10/2012: To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ITU Prefixes, look for special event station PB100PREFIX to be active between 4th and 13th October 2012. QSL via PB0P. After the tragic loss of the Titanic (Callsign MGY, the, "M", is from the Marconi company) in April 1912, there was an acknowledgement that there should be international standards for radio communications. Therefore, the leading colonial countries planned several meetings in the aftermath of the loss of the Titanic. For more details, visit: www.PB100PREFIX.nl/ [OPDX Bulletin]

05/10/2012: The Radio Amateur Association of Greece (RAAG) announced that they will operate a special event station from the Memorial Battleship "Georgios Averof" at Phaleron Bay, using callsign SX100A. The operation will take place from the Radio Room of the battleship from Friday 5th October 0000 UTC till Sunday 7th October 2400 UTC, 2012. The Battleship "Georgios Averof" in Trocadero marine park in Paleo Faliro, near Athens, where it is currently berthed. This year marks the 101st anniversary in which this historic battleship joined the Hellenic Navy. QSL via the SV Bureau. Website: www.raag.org/news.asp?ITMID=522&LANG=GR [SV1XV]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

29/09-06/10 9A8OK: Palagruza CLH-100 WLH:9A-046 CRO-012 L-0057 QSL OK1HWS (d/B)
29/09-30/09 BV2A/4: T'ai-Wan (main island) WLOTA:0022 QSL H/c (d)
29/09-30/09 CR3L: Isla da Maadeira WLOTA:0053 QSL DJ6QT (d/b)
29/09-30/09 CU1ARM: Ilha de Santa Maria WLOTA:2978 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU2ARA: Ilha de Sao Miguel WLOTA:2016 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU3URA: Ilha Terceira WLOTA:0524 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU4ARG: Ilha Graciosa WLOTA:0113 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU5AM: Ilha de Sao Jorge WLOTA:1004 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU6GRP: Ilha do Pico WLOTA:1321 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU7CRA: Ilha do Faial WLOTA:1830 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU8ARF: Ilha das Flores WLOTA:0947 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 CU9AC: Ilha do Corvo WLOTA:0707 QSL CU2CE (d)
29/09-30/09 II9P: Sicilia Island WLOTA:1362 QSL IT9CHU (d)
29/09-30/09 NH2T: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL LoTW or W2YC (d)
29/09-30/09 OG0Z: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL W0MM (d/B)
29/09-30/09 OH0I: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL OH3BHL (d)
29/09-30/09 OH0KAG: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL OH1KAG (d)
29/09-30/09 OH0Z: Aaland (main island) WLOTA:1373 QSL W0MM (d/B)
29/09-05/10 OZ/DG5LAC: Langeland Island WLOTA:0590 QSL H/c (d/B)
29/09-30/09 P40G: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL LoTW/I2EOW (d)
29/09-30/09 TC2ZLH: Zonguldak WLOL:TUR-057 QSL TA1HZ (d/B)
29/09-30/09 TF2RR: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL TF3AO (d)
29/09-30/09 ZL3X: New Zealand (S. Island) WLOTA:0342 QSL ZL3PAH (d)
01/10-04/11 8J1ARK: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/10-31/12 8J1KS: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/10-31/12 8J1STGY: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/10-30/11 8N1YKR: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/10-30/11 8N2100MD: Honshu WLOTA:2376 QSL JARL Buro
01/10-31/10 GX4BJC /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)

01/10-31/10 GX4BJC /P: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)
01/10-31/10 MX1SWL /A: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL G6XOU (d/B)
01/10-01/11 PJ6/G4IUF: Saba Island WLOTA:2043 QSL H/c (d/B)
01/10-07/10 SV9/DF8DX: Nisos Kriti WLOTA:1400 QSL H/c (d/B)
02/10-06/10 FO/F6BCW: Tahiti Island WLOTA:0885 QSL H/c (d/B)
04/10-09/10 AH0KT: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL LoTW/JH8PHT (d)
04/10-19/10 TO2M: Mayotte Island WLOTA:0376 QSL F6AML (d/B)
03/10-04/10 SV9/DF8DX/P: Nisos Dia WLOTA:1734 QSL H/c (d/B)
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6 METRES & UP -

29/09-30/09 19th ARI Italian EME Contest 2m&Up/CW/SSB 29 0000z-30 2400z
29/09-30/09 40th JLRS Party CW Contest 6m-70cm classes 29 0300z-30 0300z
29/09-30/09 Texas QSO Party 6&2m classes 29 1400z-30 0200z; 30 1400z-2000z
29/09 SVHF Fall Sprint 902+ MHz Fixed/Rover 1900-2300 Local Time
30/09 ON 6 Meter Contest Phone/CW 0600z-1000z
01/10-15/10 5U5U: Niamey, Niger 6m CW/SSB 100W 4el QSL TL0A (d)
01/10-15/10 5U6E: Niamey, Niger 6m CW/SSB 100W 4el QSL F6EXV (d/B)
01/10-15/10 5U8NK: Niamey, Niger 6m CW/SSB 100W 4el QSL DJ8NK (d/B)
02/10 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
02/10 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
02/10 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
03/10 SVHF Fall Sprint 432MHz 0600-1200 Your Local Time
03/10 MOON Contest 144MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z
03/10-16/10 TT8TT: Chad Grid:JK72 50.105 CW & USB QSL I2YSB (d)/IK2CIO (B)

Contest Calendar:
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_sep.html
www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_oct.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 26 September 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

24 September, 2012

Congratulations to the team which helped to reintroduce Amateur Radio to Kosovo, and welcome back to the airwaves to the returning Hams.

As of this time Z6?K, and/or any other Z6 station, will not count for any entity for DXCC awards purposes as they do not qualify under the DXCC rules. Any future change in Kosovo?s DXCC status will be announced by ARRL.

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

>From Tim Beaumont M0URX -

5B/G4MKP, 9M4SLL & CY9M Direct QSL cards are ready to be posted Friday 21st September. EU Letters: 1,030 World Letters: 1,489.

QSLs via Bureau: 8J1RL [AN-015].

QSLs via Direct: 5T0JL (ON8RA), 9A205AN (9A5AN), 9A5AN (CBA), 9M2/R6AF/p [AS-097] (H/c), 9M4SLL (OQRS), 9M6XRO (M0URX), CX/LU1ZV (H/c), CY9M (M0URX), EA1CYK/p (EA7LS), EA2KV (CBA), HC5VF (CBA), J69MV (CBA), KL2HD/P [NA-039] (H/c), OJ0R (OQRS), R6AF/p EU-185 (H/c), TA3J/0 [AS-099] (H/c), TG9NX (CBA), TU4SR (OH8SR), V85TL (CBA), XF1C [NA-165] (XE2HUQ) and ZA1TC (TA1HZ).

QSLs via LoTW: 4O3A, 5N6/YL2SW, D4C, JA2IYJ, JT1BV, KH7X, OH0I and UR7UM.
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

5X-2013 - Official Bulletin No 1

After many dxpeditions in the past (5V7C, 5H1C, XT2C, J5C, TK7C, TS7C, TM7CC, IS0R, TJ9PF) and the successful PJ4C in 2012, the F6KOP team is happy to announce his next one in Uganda for February 2013.
More than 20 ops, 6 stations for 12 days in this beautiful Africa.
http://www.5x2013.com/ [F5NQL]

OD - Lebanon -
John, OD5RW, is active once again from Beirut, Lebanon (WW Loc. KM74TA) after being off the air for a period of time. He is QRV on 80/40/20/15/10/2 metres and 70cm using SSB, FM, Packet, AMTOR, Pactor, Clover, RTTY, SSTV CW, PSK31, WEFAX and recently D-STAR. His QSL manager is Ted, K8NA (see QRZ.com).
Website: http://www.qrz.com/db/OD5RW [OPDX Bulletin]

Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society Chairman Sid T. May, ET3SID (SK)

Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society (EARS) Chairman Sid T. May, ET3SID/G4CTQ/AB3OZ, passed away September 25. In 1993, May established ET3AA, the first Amateur Radio club in Ethiopia. According to Hailemelekot Negussie, AB3OX, of EARS, May has taught Amateur Radio licensing classes in Ethiopia for more than 15 years. EARS is Ethiopia's IARU Member-Society.
An accredited ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE), May administered the FCC license exam to prospective Ethiopian hams. He took part in administering an FCC exam session in December 2011 where more than 50 Ethiopians received US call signs; May gave his last exam session on September 10, with 18 sitting for the exam. Due to Ethiopian law, it is nearly impossible for Ethiopians to get an Ethiopian Amateur Radio license. "Unfortunately, Ethiopian Security still controls the licensing system," said IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T. "I am afraid that more work has to be done to convince the authorities that today's students are tomorrow's leaders and that in principle, they are good Ethiopians who deserve their government's confidence. Another hurdle to overcome is the examination fee of 25 British pounds, a one month's salary in Ethiopia."
According to May's QSL card, May was primarily a RTTY operator. He held call signs in Zambia (9J2ED), St Kitts (VP2KH), Montserrat (VP2MKH), Oman (AX4JB), Nigeria (5N0SID), Gibraltar (ZB2HL) and Sudan (G4CTQ/ST2). He is a member of the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and in 1973, helped found the St Kitts Nevis and Anguilla Radio Society (SNARS). He founded EARS in the

1990s.
"Sid was a teacher, a mentor and a father to all of us at ET3AA," Negussie explained. "We feel very saddened about the news, and extend our condolences to his family and wish for his soul to rest in peace. Sid is survived by hundreds of ambitious radio hams and engineers who will forever be inspired by his humbleness and vision." [ARRL]

IARU Region 3 Chairman Michael Owen, VK3KI (SK)

IARU Region 3 Chairman Michael Owen, VK3KI, passed away September 22. He was 75. Owen, who was also President of the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) -- that country's IARU Member-Society -- participated in many IARU committees and was a member of the IARU Observer Team at a number of World Radiocommunication Conferences. He is perhaps best remembered for his work on Article 25 -- a package of revisions to the international Radio Regulations that are specific to the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services -- at WRC-03.
Amateur Radio societies around the world have benefited from Owen's enthusiasm and experience; he was passionately involved with the Amateur Radio Service since the 1960s, and served as IARU Vice President from 1989-1999.
In 2004, Owen led the WIA through the progression from a federal structure with state divisions, to an efficient national organization with affiliated local clubs. Through Owen, the WIA became highly regarded by government agencies and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) for its professionalism and efficiency, especially in relation to the WIA examination and call sign management service. He championed and guided the introduction of the Foundation License class in Australia, a move which bolstered the numbers of Australian radio amateurs, while other countries' numbers were declining.
WIA Vice President Phil Wait, VK2ASD, has assumed the role of WIA President. Wait has served as a WIA Director since 2003 and was appointed in WIA Vice President in 2010.
Owen is survived by his wife Nan, who accompanied him on many Amateur Radio occasions -- most recently at the WIA National Convention in Mildura -- and two daughters. A funeral service is scheduled for 10:30 AM on Friday, September 28 at St Andrews Anglican Church in Brighton, Victoria. [ARRL]

YT2A - Silent Key

Message from Radio Sekcija Kozara, YU1AAV:
Today (26 September) in Belgrade our friend Goran YT2A died in an airplane accident. He was doing daily activity as a test pilot. His colleague ejected from the plane while Goran stayed inside to sacrifice himself - not hitting houses and people. He saved many lives.
Goran will be remembered as a great man, great radio operator and YUFF and IOTA activator.
Rest in peace my friend, we will never forget you. [DX World]

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CQWW RTTY DX CONTEST 2012

The following stations have announced their participation in the CQWW RTTY DX Contest (29-30 September, 2012):
CQZ
05 VP9I Bermuda M/? QSL N1HRA (d)
07 HQ2N Honduras SOLP QSL EA5GL (d) / LoTW
08 8P2K Barbados SOSB10m QSL KU9C (d/B)
08 VP2V/AA7V Br Virgin Islands SOABHP QSL LoTW or NR6M (d)
09 P40G Aruba Multi-Single QSL LoTW / I2EOW (d)
13 LS1D Argentina M/? QSL AC7DX (d)

14 LX7I Luxembourg M/2 QSL LX2A (d/B)
15 ES9C Estonia M/S QSL ES5RY (d)
15 II9P Sicily Multi-Single/High-Power QSL IT9CHU (d)
15 IQ1RY Italy M/2 QSL IW1FNW (d)
15 OG0Z Aland SOSB10m QSL W0MM (d)
15 OH0I Aland SOSB20m QSL OH3BHL (d)
15 OH0KAG Aland SOSB40m QSL OH1KAG (d)
15 OH0Z Aland SOSB15m QSL W0MM (d)
15 ZA/OK1DX Albania Multi-Op QSL OK1DRQ (d)
20 SW9XB Crete SO QSL DJ9XB (B)
20 TA/HA3JB Turkey SOSB(?) QSL H/c (d/OQRS)
24 BV2A/4 Taiwan M/S QSL BV2A (d - QRZ.com)
26 HS8FLU Thailand SOSB(20m)LP QSL Direct/Buro
26 HS8JYX Thailand SOSB(15m)LP QSL LoTW / HS8FLU (d)
27 NH2T Guam SOABHP QSL W2YC (d/LoTW)
30 VK3HF Australia M/M QSL LoTW
32 ZL3X New Zealand Multi-Single/LP QSL ZL3PAH (d/LoTW)
33 CR3L Madeira Multi-Multi QSL DJ6QT (d/B)
35 6V7X Senegal SOLP QSL 4L5A (d)
37 5Z4EE Kenya SOABHP QSL NV7E (d)
38 ZS4TX South Africa SOABHP QSL LoTW
40 TF2RR Iceland Multi-Single QSL TF3AO (d)

(d) = Direct; (B) = Bureau; (d/B) = Direct or Bureau.

Be sure to check Bill's (NG3K) website for updated CQWW RTTY Contest information
at: ng3k.com/Misc/cqr2012.html .... Good luck to all participants & have fun!
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
DX Calendar - Contest Calendar - Lighthouse Activity & much more
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